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Disturbance locks down Tucson complex

Tucson, Az – A fight started at the Santa Rita Unit of the Arizona State Prison Complex Tucson earlier this evening, around 5:30 p.m., involving approximately 200 Hispanic and African-American inmates. Tactical Support Unit teams and on duty personnel were able to secure the yard with no force required. Control of the unit was regained at approximately 6 p.m. No other units were involved.

All staff have been accounted for with one officer sustaining an injury to his rib cage. Some inmates have sustained injuries. The details of these injuries are not known at this time.

All of the Tucson complex is on lockdown status at this time. The Santa Rita Unit will remain locked down for several days, while this incident is investigated.

ASPC-Tucson has 5,150 beds in custody levels of minimum, medium and close custody. Today's inmate count for the complex is 5,132. The Santa Rita Unit has a total of 727 inmates housed in 768 beds across four yards within the unit.

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